

## **MEDIA NOTICE**

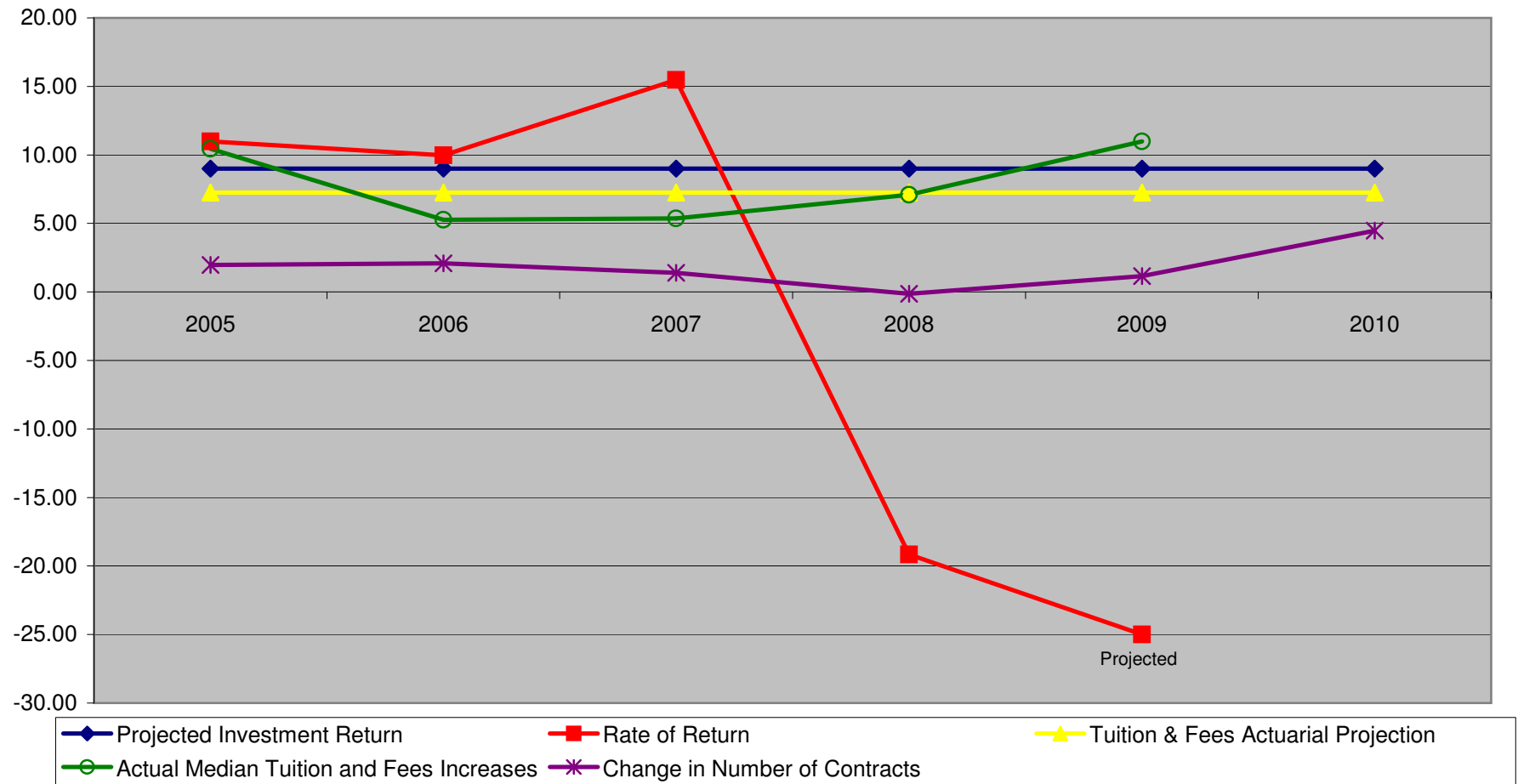
The Alabama Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, known as PACT, has not escaped the worldwide economic crisis. The investment market downturn has adversely impacted the program just when it reached its peak for making benefit payments.

Currently, there are approximately 48,000 contract holders who received letters over the week-end about the status of the program and the efforts to ensure its integrity.

Three variables directly influence PACT – stock market value, cost of education and demand for use of PACT agreements. The attached chart reflects these indicators.

Weekly updates (Fridays @ 2:00p.m.) will be available at [www.800alapact.com](http://www.800alapact.com)

### Equity Asset Model



Contributing Factors:

- (1) Down Turn in Market
- (2) Rising Cost of Education
- (3) Higher Demand beginning in 2006-2010 (student enrollment)